

ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

Claims 1-11 and 13-63 stand pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 17, 18, 26, 30, 32-34, 36, 37, 39, 42, 49, 51, 56, 57 and 60. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance based on the discussion which follows.

Claims 1-11, 13-58 and 60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended the aforementioned rejected claims thereby obviating the rejection to the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Specifically, with regard to claim 57, Applicants have amended this claim by removing the optional language, "if necessary", resulting in claim 57 more clearly reciting Applicants' invention with regard to the electrodes of neighboring conveyors. For example, claim 57 now more clearly recites that the distance between the electrodes of one row and electrodes of a neighboring row of electrodes is not less than the distance between the electrodes of each conveyor or the electrodes of one row is staggered with respect to those of the adjacent row as disclosed on page 13, lines 17-25 of the present specification. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 57 is not indefinite as amended.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection to the claims be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

END REMARKS